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Billy Frith's Page

Whilst the final score in our away game with Southend last Saturday was 4-1 against us, I must point out that when the score was one goal each there was nothing to choose between the sides, and a draw seemed certain. We were certainly always playing the better football without, however, looking like scoring goals. Our defence was even more in control of the situation than the Southend one was. An unfortunate penalty decision given for hands against George Curtis when he was most obviously pushed in the middle of the back by a Southend player cost us the game. Of this there can be no doubt. This happened twelve minutes from time and was the tonic which Southend so badly needed. Their third goal resulted from nothing but the bounce of the ball when from a long throw-in to our penalty area, the ball instead of coming straight through, bounced high in the air and resulted in a Southend player being left clear to score. I realise that the cynics and "wise guys" will say "what again!", but even so, facts are facts. No one is blind to the fact that our forward line did not function as it should, but even so, we were well worth a point. In our game with Bristol City last Monday night, with our pitch in a treacherous condition and in parts heavy going, some good football was seen from both sides and in spite of the opinion of some of our Press friends, was for the most part an interesting game. I am quite certain that had the game been viewed by these people with a 20,000 gate, it would have been considered quite good and exciting fare. Certainly the larger the crowd, the better and more exciting the atmosphere. One rarely hears of a game played in front of 60,000 people being described as dull and uninteresting. I wonder why! May I take this opportunity of thanking those of you who have consistently supported us and a special word to those six or seven faces which I regularly see at every away match—almost without fail.

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Bantam Topics...

It is the usual custom in the last Programme of the season to briefly summarise the events of the past eight months. We cannot disguise the fact that this has been a disappointing season in many ways, but with this great National games of ours, we have to be prepared to accept disappointment in the right spirit, and accept it with good grace. After all, the number of teams who can reach their ambitions each year is very small indeed, and we feel that the best way to overcome the disappointment of the moment is to determine that any mistakes which have occurred during the past term do not occur again—in other words, we must profit by our mistakes. While we do not wish to comment too strongly on the question of injuries, we feel we can justifiably claim that they were our biggest obstacle to success this time. This of course, is something we cannot legislate for in the future, and we hope next season will not bring such a heavy crop as we have seen this last season or two. There is no question that our nursery sides have been a huge success, something for which we can be justifiably pleased, as it augurs well for our future success with so many Coventry City minded youngsters coming along so well. During recent weeks several of our

with the **RESERVES**

The Reserve side certainly finished the season in a flourish, due no doubt to being able to field a fairly regular settled side, plus the fact that the youngsters—they started the season very much juniors in the Youth side—had settled down to play a useful part in the scheme of things. Eleven points from twelve including 3-1 and a draw out of their last four away games cannot be grumbled at by anybody. This improved form enabled the side to get into a more reasonable position in the final Combination table. We must also point out that during the last six games the side had only one goal scored against them.

Youth Team players have had successful debuts in the senior sides.

In order to clear up any misunderstanding in the minds of Supporters which may have been caused by conflicting Press and Radio reports, we would like to say that we have asked ALL Clubs in the Third Division if they are prepared to play at Coventry on a Friday evening. A further announcement will be made when replies have been received.

The Football Association have asked us to bring to the notice of our Supporters that the F.A. Diary for 1961-62 will be ready during July and August at 4/- per copy. It will contain the Football League fixtures as usual, and will be available from the Football Association, 22, Lancaster Gate, London W.2. We can recommend this publication which carries a host of features outstanding in interest to football followers. We now proceed to ground renovations etc., etc., and look forward to seeing you all next August.

GOALSCORERS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Allen 1. Curtis 1. Farmer 3. Hewitt 12. Hill B. 1. Hill P. 13. Holder 2. Imlach 4. Kearns 2. Kletzenbauer 1. Myerscough 12. Ryan 1. Satchwell 2. Stiffle 2. Straw 17. Own Goal 5. Total 79.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Allan 1. Allen 6. Clarke S. 4. Cornbill 4. Cowin 1. Daley 3. Farmer 1. Hill B. 8. Hill P. 1. Jarvis 2. Satchwell 18. Stiffle 5. Straw 1. Puddy 1. Bruck 6. Holder 3. Rees 2. Own Goal 3. Total 70.

YOUNG COVENTRY CITY

This side ended the season with a 3-3 draw against the Leicester City Youth side after being 3-1 down at the interval. We feel that in their first season in the newly formed Midland Youth League they have fairly well acquitted themselves and provided some useful material for the Club's future.



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Goalkeeper

Right

Left

2—Frank Kletzenbauer

Right Back

3—Frank Austin

Left Back

4—Mick Kearns

Right Half-back

5—George Curtis

Centre Half

6—Ron Farmer

Left Half-back

7—Stewart Imlach

Right Wing

8—Ron Hewitt

Inside Right

9—Holder

Centre Forward

10—Peter Hill

Inside Left

11—Allen

Left Wing

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11—Jones, F.

Left Wing

10—Woodruff

Inside Left

9—Summerbee

Centre Forward

8—Hunt

Inside Right

7—Corbett

Right Wing

6—Bell

Left Half-back

5—Owen

Centre Half

4—Morgan

Right Half-back

3—Trollop

Left Back

2—Jones, K.

Right Back

Burton

Goalkeeper

Left

Right

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Today's visitors, SWINDON TOWN, have had a very mixed season, having achieved some notable wins with their young side, but they must have felt anxious during recent weeks as they have been dangerously near the relegation zone. However, we are pleased to note their success in pulling clear, and to know that we shall again be meeting them next season.

Their Club was founded in 1881; they became a professional club in 1894; they were members of the Southern League from 1894 to 1920 when they were made founder members of League Division III. We offer them a hearty welcome to Highfield Road this evening.



PEN PICTURES

SAM BURTON (Goalkeeper) Product of local football joining Swindon in 1945. Played for the Wiltshire junior eleven which reached the final of Counties tournament.

K. JONES (R.B.) Welsh Under 23 Trialist. Twenty-two years of age, was transferred from Crystal Palace three months ago.

TROLLOP (L.B.) An ever present this season, he is a product of the Swindon Town nursery. Aged 17 years.

KEITH MORGAN (R.H.) Another teenager produced through the ranks of the 'Robins' youth teams. A County youth player he made his debut in 1958-59 season.

MAURICE OWEN (C.H.) Shortly after signing as a professional from Swindon in 1947, he was the target for many offers from Clubs in the First Division, two of them being Wolves and Arsenal.

JOHN BELL (L.H.) Joined the 'Robins' this close season, from Stirling Albion the Scottish Club. John was born in Edinburgh.

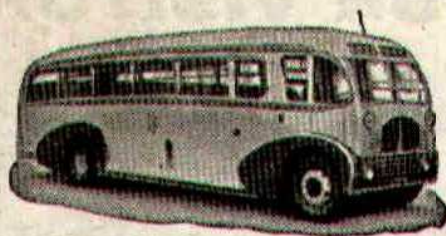
DAVID CORBETT (O.R.) Product of the 'Robins' youth teams, making his debut in 1958-59 season. This teenager is a County Youth player.

ERNIE HUNT (L.R.) Made his debut last season. This teenager was on the ground staff before he turned professional last season on his seventeenth birthday. Born in Swindon.

MICHAEL SUMMERBEE (C.F.) Michael signed professional on his seventeenth birthday after being on the ground staff. Made his debut last season. Born in Cheltenham.

BOB WOODRUFF (I.L.) A local lad who joined the 'Robins' from the Swindon schoolboy team that did so well in the National team Schoolboys' Cup.

F. JONES (O.L.) Began his career with the Arsenal, and has been with Brighton and Hove from whom he joined Swindon Town five months ago. Aged 22, he has played this season for the Welsh Under 23 XI.



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FIXTURES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III.

		F.	A.	Gate
Oct.				
8	Southend Utd.	H	3	0 7,412
15	Chesterfield	A	1	4 4,590
22	Bury	H	1	2 11,302
28	Walsall	A	1	1 13,053
Nov.				
5	(F.A.Cup) Worcester	A	4	1 7,900
12	Halifax Town	A	2	2 6,805
19	Tranmere R.	H	4	1 9,967
26	(F.A. Cup) Q.P.R. ...	A	2	1 8,957
Dec.				
2	Brentford	H	2	0 13,589
10	Swindon Town	A	2	1 8,703
17	Barnsley	H	5	2 10,264
26	Notts. C.	H	2	2 19,793
27	Notts. C.	A	0	3 26,759
Jan.				
7	(F.A.Cup) Liverpool	A	2	3 30,909
14	Colchester	H	2	0 10,197
30	Shrewsbury Town ...	H	3	2 9,579
Feb.				
4	Hull City	H	4	0 11,140
11	Reading	A	0	0 6,329
20	Torquay United ...	H	5	1 15,437
25	Brentford	A	1	1 5,500
Mar.				
3	Chesterfield	H	3	1 16,717
11	Bury	A	0	1 10,767
18	Walsall (S.F.)	H	1	2 14,389
20	Newport County ...	A	3	3 3,660
25	Shrewsbury Town ...	A	1	2 8,562
31	Port Vale	A	1	3 6,528
April				
1	Halifax Town	H	2	0 8,756
4	Port Vale	H	1	1 8,280
8	Tranmere Rovers ...	A	0	2 11,416
11	Watford	A	2	7 10,514
14	Watford	H	0	1 10,478
18	Grimsby Town	A	3	2 5,462
22	Southend Utd.	A	1	4 7,748
24	Bristol City	H	2	1 8,328
28	Swindon Town	H		

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

Mar.			F.	A.
4	Southend Utd.	A	0	5
8	Peterborough	H	2	1
11	Fulham	H	2	1
13	Southend Utd.	H	5	2
18	Brentford	A	2	5
22	Swindon Town	H	0	2
25	Aldershot	H	3	4
31	Reading	A	1	4
April				
1	Swindon Town	A	2	0
3	Reading	H	1	0
8	Peterborough Utd....	A	3	0
15	Shrewsbury Town ...	A	1	1
19	Q.P.R.	A	5	0
22	Luton Town	H	3	0

LEAGUE—DIVISION III.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bury	45	30	7	8	105	45	67
Walsall	44	27	5	12	94	57	59
Q.P.R.	44	24	10	10	90	56	58
Watford	44	19	12	13	81	70	50
Grimsby	44	19	10	15	76	68	48
Port Vale	44	17	13	14	94	77	47
Notts. County	44	19	9	16	76	75	47
Halifax	45	15	17	13	69	77	47
Barnsley	44	20	6	18	77	76	46
Shrewsbury	43	15	15	13	79	68	45
Hull City	44	17	11	16	70	69	45
Torquay	44	14	17	13	73	75	45
Newport County	45	17	10	18	81	90	44
COVENTRY CITY..	45	16	11	18	79	82	43
Bristol City	45	16	10	19	67	68	42
Swindon	44	13	14	17	58	53	40
Brentford	43	12	16	15	54	66	40
Southend	44	14	11	19	60	72	39
Bournemouth	44	14	10	20	56	74	38
Tranmere	45	15	8	22	78	111	38
Reading	43	12	12	19	63	79	36
Bradford City	45	11	13	21	64	86	35
Chesterfield	45	10	12	23	64	83	32
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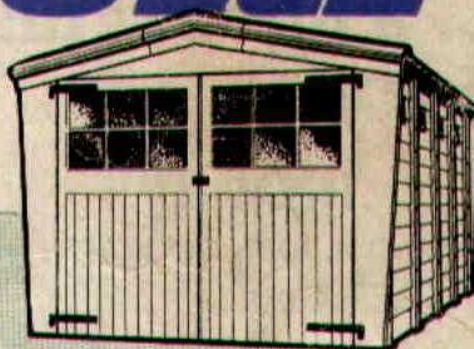
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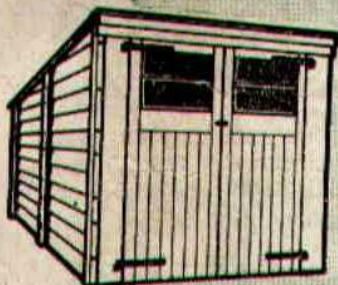
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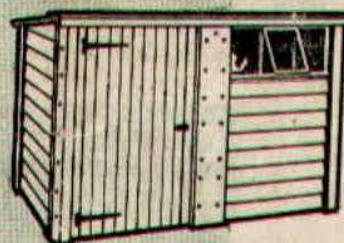
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